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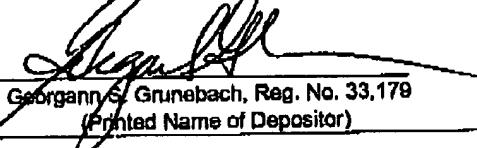
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Re: Serial No.: 10/723,617
Filing Date: November 25, 2003
Title: SMART CARD READER

Attorney Docket No. PD-203076

Please find attached:

- > Response to Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005 (8 pages)
- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)

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In re Application of: Christopher Stewart : Date: July 15, 2005
 Serial No. 10/723,617 : Group Art Unit: 2876
 Filed: November 25, 2003 : Examiner: Steven S. Paik
 For: SMART CARD READER

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated May 26, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

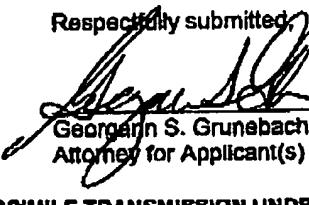
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO § 1.116

Mail Stop AF
Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.